



SOUTH AFRICA

# REGISTERING & VOTING SAFELY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Not sure what to expect when visiting your voting station during the Covid-19 pandemic?  
Welcome to our guide to the new registration and voting process.

1. **Wear a mask when you register and vote**, as per lockdown regulations for all persons in public places. If you don't have a mask or face cover, the [election officials will refuse you entry to the voting station](#) and you will not be able to register, or update your address, or vote.
2. **Keep a distance of 1.5 m** from fellow voters, election officials, party agents and observers at all times while at your voting station.
3. **Wait your turn** before entering the voting station as only a [limited number of people](#) may be gathered inside the venue at the same time.
4. **Liquid sanitiser will be sprayed on your hands** by an election official [before you enter and leave the voting station](#).
5. **We care for the safety of our election officials.** They will be provided with [masks and face shields](#) to wear in line with government regulations.
6. **Bring your own pen** for filling in forms and marking ballots at the voting station. In any event, election officials will be [sanitising all pens](#) at the voting station after each use.
7. **When inking your thumbnail**, election officials [will check that it is dry before applying the ink](#), and will ask you to wait a moment before you move on to ensure that the ink has dried before your hands are sanitised on departing the voting station.
8. **All voting station surfaces will be wiped with 70% alcohol disinfectant before and after use.**
9. **Say if it's not okay.** Politely speak up if people are too close to you, or if anyone's behavior makes you feel uncomfortable. [Keep yourself and others safe.](#)

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